



Heating & Cooling Business changes hands. Bill Calverly, owner of Bill's Heating & Cooling is pictured here with his brother-in-law, Dan Rons, the owner of Custom Heating & Plumbing.

Custom Heating & Plumbing Now Open in Downtown Ovid

By Deb Price

Earlier this year, Bill Calverly, sold his Bill's Heating & Cooling business to his brother-in-law, Dan Rons, owner of Custom Heating & Plumbing, which is head quartered in Mt Pleasant. They opened their second location in downtown Ovid in August. They are located at 204 S. Main Street and are open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:30pm each day.

Custom Heating & Plumbing offer repair and installation for both residential and commercial customers. They install and repair Furnaces, Boilers, Heat Pumps, Radiant Floor Heating, Geothermal Heating/Cooling, Air Conditioning, Generator, Water Heaters/Softeners/Conditioners, Plumbing Fixtures and more. They carry the names you know and trust including: Carrier, Lennox and Luxaire. "Your home is your favorite place to be. Our team offers the products and great service to make sure you always stay at the perfect temperature and that things keep running smoothly," said owner, Dan Rons. Custom Heating & Plumbing is offering a Fall/Spring Clean & Check, stop in or call for details.

They have on display at the Ovid location showroom, furnaces, fireplaces, stoves and inserts and air conditioners. Stop in today and welcome Danielle Willoughby, office manager or owner, Dan Rons to our town. For more information, call (989)834-6288 or (800)865-HEAT or check them out online at CHPcustom.com.



Stop in and say hello to Danielle Willoughby, Office Manager.

Mike Watson Returns to Ovid-Elsie as New Ad, Assistant Principle

OVID-ELSIE — A noted Ovid-Elsie alum is returning to his alma mater, in an impressive new role.

Mike Watson graduated from O-E in 1993. His travels since have taken him to administration work at the high school, collegiate and pro baseball level. With the departure of Jesse Johnson from the athletic director post this August, hiring an administrator with Watson's background is fortuitous.

"I've been an athletic administrator since 1999 after working at the MHSAA and briefly in professional baseball," says Ovid-Elsie's new AD and assistant HS principal. "I've had the fortune of helping lead small, mid-sized and large programs at rural, urban and suburban locations -- both public and Catholic schools. Most recently, I was the athletic director at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills."

Marian is an all-girls Catholic school with an enrollment of about 385.

After graduating from Ovid-Elsie '93, where he was a Marauder student-athlete, Mike earned a degree from the University of Michigan in 1999, a BA in Sports Management & Communication/Kinesiology. Next, he got his Master of Science from Ohio University - Athens in Athletic Administration. He worked in scouting and player development with the Arizona Diambondbacks toward the end of his undergrad career and also worked in the U-M athletic department as a student.

Watson is a certified master athletic administrator (CMAA) as designated by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). He is also a Certified Interscholastic Coach (CIC) by the NFHS, a MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) Masters Elite Instructor and Coach and a national-level instructor in the NIAAA Leadership Training Institute (LTI).

"In many ways, O-E is just as it was when I was growing up," says Mike. "Our community cares about our kids and wants them to be prepared for the next stage in their lives. We have a caring staff that goes the extra mile on a daily basis. That is certainly evident."

"There won't be many immediate changes. I respect the work that Jesse Johnson did with the program and I want to do my best to support existing programs while listening and learning to what needs to be changed rather than what fits me, personally. In general I believe that our goal is to make improvements in the lives of the kids we serve. Over my career, I've used athletics as the delivery vehicle of that service. At my core, I believe in teaching accountability, persistence and commitment to the service of others. Teaching those lessons requires positive communication which creates positive relationships which, in turn, creates trust. Trust is required to move programs and organizations forward."

He is the divorced father of two. Oldest daughter Hope is 22 and attends Wayne State University. Mike's youngest daughter is Holly. She is a senior at Regina HS (all-girls Catholic) in Warren. He lives in Oxford with his girlfriend, Kristi McDevitt, and her four kids Macie (19), Brennan (17), Cali (15) and Mylee who just turned 15. Macie will be a freshman at Oakland CC while the other children attend Oxford HS.

Watson is enthusiastic about his new position. "This was an opportunity to come home for me. My experience at O-E was tremendous," he says. "Looking back, I know that I was prepared for life after high school. More than anything, being back here, not just in an athletics role, but as an assistant principal as well, allows me to have a deeper impact on kids that were just like me. I've faced the same fears and challenges and I had the same hopes they have."

"I look forward to building relationships with the staff and the kids — and watching them grow into productive adults."



Mike Watson

Carriage Days Parade Marshals Ray & Josy Medina

By Deb Price

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee has proudly chosen Ray and Josy Medina as the 2022 Carriage Days Parade Marshalls. Together they have contributed to the Ovid community for decades.

Ray, born and raised in Ovid and a OE graduate started his work career at Krogers where he worked for 20 years. He then retired from Federal Mogul after working another 20 years. While he and Josy were raising a family, he made the time to contribute to his community by coaching Little League baseball for 25 years, serving as Director of the baseball/softball program for 10 years. He has also served on the Ovid Parks & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals and an alternate on the Board of Review. He was groomed as President



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Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be having a big sale during Ovid Carriage Days. Be sure to stop down and find some treasures to take home. We have LOTS of books as well as DVD's and other goodies. Please help us to clear out space in the library. All sales will be by donation but don't be afraid to give generously. Thanks in advance for your support of our library whether it's by donating your used books to us or by restocking your bookshelves. The sale will be Friday 9-4, Saturday 10-1 and Sunday 10-7.



New Activities to the Elsie Fall Festival

submitted by Bonnie Goupil

This year's Elsie Fall Festival is on October 1st from 10am to 4pm. The Elsie Fall Festival is an annual fundraiser for the Elsie Area Food Pantry, and all proceeds go to the Food Pantry or the continuation of the Festival. In addition to the usual craft and flea market vendors, kids activities, food specials and live music, you can help this year by participating in one of the new activities.

Golf Cart Show: Decorate your golf cart, side by side or quad for Halloween. Check in on East Main Street at 9:30am on October 1st. Bring some candy for a golf cart trunk or treat from 11-1. Golf carts will be judged on the decorating and Tippy Cow and Foo-G's gift cards will be awarded to the winners at 3pm at the main stage. Register in advance by contacting Bonnie Goupil at sprklygrl@gmail.com for only \$5.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Decorate (but don't carve) a pumpkin and bring it to the Elsie Library at 9:30am on October 1st. There will be ribbons awarded for first through third place in ages 5-11, 12-17 and 18+. Winners names will be announced at 3pm at the main stage and published in the Weekly following the festival. Free registration on site. Community may vote for their favorites using pocket change.

Cupcake Decorating Contest: Decorate 12 or more cupcakes and bring them to the Elsie Masonic Building (old pharmacy) at 9:30am on October 1st. There will be ribbons awarded for first through third place in ages under 17 and 18+. Winners names will be announced at 3pm at the main stage and published in the Weekly following the festival. Cupcakes will be served following announcement of the winners. Free registration on site. Community may vote for their favorites using pocket change.

Please participate if in these new activities if you can, this helps the Food Pantry and will ensure everyone has a great time!

Elsie Public Library Reading Challenge was "Oceans of Possibilities"

The children learned about the oceans, creatures in the oceans, how the currents and tide work, how to help keep the oceans clean, nautical navigation, the difference between fresh and salt water, and the different layers of the ocean. There was a STEM activity and a craft every week, with the final week using a pirate chest treasure map. Using the map they discovered pirate treasure at different businesses by the library. The Pathway Home residents, the Elsie Village office and the Elsie Area Fire Department were special check-points. Thank you so much for your help!! The kids especially liked the ice cream sundae bar they received at the end of hunt!



We would like to show our deep appreciation with an extra special thank-you to Jillian Boots and Megan Montes. With their expertise they made this Summer's Reading Program a definite success.

We would also like to thank anyone else who helped on the programs this year... especially Vidalia Wenzlick, Desi English, Patti Munson, Leeann Huff, Pam Dunham and all the parents/caregivers who pitched in to help, and to all those we may have missed.

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered or participated and made the summer reading program a smashing success. See you next year when the program is "All Together No: Kindness/Friendship/Unity."

We are also pleased to announce that everyone finishing the summer reading challenge won a prize from the prize showcase.. and a special thanks to Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop and McDonald's of St.Johns for helping us continue the fun during the August Ice Cream for Book Program. If you would like to volunteer for the 2023 Reading Program, please call the Elsie Public Library at 989-862-4633.

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Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The Ovid Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.

Plans will be finalized for Carriage Days and other fall events.

Please join us for a fun evening.
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Save This Date!

Clinton County Historical Society will be having The CCHS Annual Program on Sept. 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at AgroLiquid, 1130 S. DeWitt Rd.

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Recycling Revs Up in September

submitted by Ellen Link

According to earthday.org, "Humans use about 1.2 million plastic bottles per minute in total," about 91% of which is not recycled. Americans purchase about 50 billion water bottles per year and throw away 100 billion plastic bags, which can take up to 1,000 years to completely break down. The numbers and the consequences seem daunting. But each of us can make a tiny dent in those horrific figures by, first, reducing or even ending our use of single-use plastic containers; and second, by recycling whatever we can.

The Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center (GLCRC) at 7500 Woodbury Rd. exists to help you do just that. Thus far this year we've kept about 90,000 lbs. of usable resources out of the landfills! Per our present schedule, the center will be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Sept. 6 and 20) from 4 to 6 pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Sept. 10 and 24) from 9 am to 1 pm. All recyclers are welcome, regardless of where they live. Our drive-thru facility is staffed and run completely by volunteers who make recycling easy—especially for senior citizens and the physically challenged—by emptying your vehicle for you as you wait. All we ask is that you follow our guidelines on what we take and how to sort it (see below).

The 2022 Clinton County Free for Fall Event (for county residents only) will take place on September 24 from 8 am to 1 pm. Participants must schedule an appointment no later than Friday, September 16, either by registering online at www.clinton-county.org, emailing the Dept. of Waste Management (recycle@clinton-county.org), or calling (989-224-5186). Acceptable materials will include hazardous waste such as medications, farm & landscaping chemicals, motor oil & anti-freeze, aerosol cans and pressurized tanks, compact fluorescent lights, and electronic waste. There is a \$10 fee for each television and computer monitor. The department can provide a complete list of items.

Residents of Shiawassee County will have a similar opportunity to recycle household hazardous waste, etc., on Saturday, October 1 from 8 am to 12 pm in Owosso. Details will be forthcoming next month; you can also contact the Shiawassee County Health Department at health.shiawassee.net or (989) 743-2390.

Please make sure the following materials are clean and separated before bringing to the recycling facility: Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; plastics— #1 bottles and jars, no clamshells (takeout, berries, bakery and salad containers), #2 (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid colors), and #5 ("tubs", e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.); non-corroded household batteries (please separate into regular, rechargeable, lithium and button); glass bottles and jars (all colors); electronics (no televisions; a \$5 fee for flat screen monitors); and empty inkjets. We also accept plant containers as well as dental care products like toothbrushes, spent toothpaste tubes and floss containers. Please minimize your use of plastic bags to bring the recyclables or take them back when emptied.

And if you're lucky, you may find a great freebie to take home: we've started a "Re-use" section by the exit door with treasures someone else no longer wants—like good books in fine condition. For details on what we do and do not accept, visit our Facebook page or website-- <https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>. Questions or suggestions? Contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437.



Weekend passersby in Laingsburg were greeted by some enterprising youngsters in a rite of passage ... as the passage of summer quickly approaches.

Above top (l-r): Mary Austin, 10, and Layla Saad -- "I'll be 10 next month," she explained -- were raising money by selling homemade bracelets. Across the street, (front l-r): Jayc Miller, 11, Paxton Rodriguez, 12 (back l-r): Everett Rodriguez and Jaden Woodbury, 12, had set up an impromptu neighborhood lemonade stand. The youngsters explained they were clearing \$50 to \$60 per day with their enterprising spirit.



Celebrating Laingsburg Food Bank Volunteers

submitted by Ellen Link

Oscar Wilde said, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention." The Laingsburg Area Food Bank is fortunate to have many volunteers, who together help some in our community to meet their food and personal supply needs.

On Wednesday, August 24, Ed Carpenter and the Peacock Road Family Farm staff hosted an appreciation dinner for the volunteers. A wonderful time—and a delicious meal—were had by all. Thank you, Ed, and everyone at the farm who helped with the event.

The Laingsburg Area Food Bank, which is hosted by the Laingsburg United Methodist Church, is open Mondays 1-3 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm. To find out how you can become a volunteer, call the LUMC at 651-5531.



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Senior Spotlight



Did You Know?

Health screenings are a vital component of preventative health care. Specific screenings for older adults can help them stay healthy. Healthline and WebMD recommend older adults schedule these routine tests. The frequency of the screenings may depend on individuals' health histories, so each test should be discussed with a physician during adults' annual checkups.

- Blood pressure check
- Blood test to check cholesterol and triglyceride levels
- Colorectal cancer exam starting at age 50
- Weight screening to check for gains or losses
- Prostate cancer screening for men age 70 and older
- Breast exam and mammogram for women, starting at age 40
- Pap smear and HPV tests at the recommended intervals advised by a doctor
- Hearing test
- Osteoporosis test
- Shingles and pneumococcal vaccines
- Eye exam
- Periodontal exam once per year

Did You Know?

The terms "hospice" and "palliative" are not interchangeable. Hospice care is a form of palliative care geared toward patients with terminal illnesses facing their final months or weeks of life. Palliative care, according to WebMD, aims to ease pain and provide help to people confronting a serious illness, even if it's not necessarily life-threatening. Palliative care may include assistance for those with cancer, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, or any number of conditions. Illnesses can

make it difficult to live life fully, and palliative care is used in conjunction with other treatments to improve quality of life.

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5 Ways to Show Seniors They're Appreciated

Senior citizens account for a significant percentage of the overall population. Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau released in 2020 indicate the nation's 65-and-older population had grown by more than one-third over the preceding decade. By 2050, the number of senior citizens is expected to be close to 90 million. As of 2021, Statistics Canada reported there were roughly 7.1 million persons age 65 and older living in Canada.



People are living longer than ever, and as individuals age, the demand for senior services continues to grow — as does the need to be patient and respect the elderly. There are many ways to show seniors just how much they're appreciated.

1. Help with chores. Lend a hand with chores around the house that may have grown difficult for seniors. This can include mowing the lawn, weeding garden beds, shoveling snow, raking leaves, or even taking the garbage pails in and out on collection days.
2. Visit more often. Frequent visits are one of the simplest ways to show seniors you care. Whether seniors live in a private home or managed care facility, visitors brighten their days, especially if they no longer get out and about as frequently as they once did. Spending time together and sharing stories can bring smiles to the faces of older adults.
3. Plan activities with seniors in mind. When organizing parties and special events, consider the needs of seniors on the guest list. Add music from their era to playlists or DJ requests. Seat seniors with mobility issues near exits and restrooms. Make sure to arrange for photos with the guest of honor to keep family history alive.
4. Thank seniors. Find any reason to thank a senior. Perhaps someone served in the military or volunteered their time with children. Celebrate accomplishments big and small with a simple "thank you."
5. Prepare a meal. Invite a special senior over for a home-cooked meal with the family. Make it a regular occurrence on the calendar. If he or she cannot get out easily, bring a hot meal over to his or her place, instead.

Simple gestures of gratitude and appreciation can brighten a senior's day and let that person

Did you Know?

Socialization in midlife can have a profound impact on individuals as they approach their golden years. A 2019 study led by researchers at University College London found that being more socially active in your 50s and 60s predicts a lower risk of developing dementia later in life. The study used data from a previous study that tracked more than 10,000 participants between 1985 and 2013. Participants in the study completed cognitive testing from 1997 onwards. Researchers found that someone who saw friends almost daily at age 60 was 12 percent less likely to develop dementia than someone who only saw one or two friends every month. Strong associations between social contact at age 50 and subsequent dementia were also uncovered. The study supports the idea that remaining socially active in one's 50s and 60s can benefit long-term cognitive health.

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Senior Spotlight

The Pros and Cons of Early Retirement

Retirement is a milestone that is often the byproduct of decades of hard work. Though a growing number of working professionals have no intention of ever retiring, the vast majority of adults look forward to the day when they can call it a career.

The prospect of early retirement is enticing to millions of people. Though retiring early may seem like a no brainer for individuals in position to do so, a careful consideration of the pros and cons of early retirement can ensure people make the best decision.

Benefits of early retirement

For many people, early retirement is less about finding a beach to relax on and more about pivoting to a second career. In fact, a recent report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicated that 74 percent of workers plan to get a new job after they retire. In such instances, early retirement is often about turning a long-time passion into a second career. That can help adults achieve a lifelong dream, making it one of the better reasons to retire early.

Another advantage to retiring early is the chance to spend more quality time with family. One study from the American Psychological Association found that more than half of working professionals now check work emails after work hours, including on weekends. Forty-four percent even check their email while on vacation. Early retirement enables individuals to escape that round-the-clock career commitment, affording retirees a chance to spend more unfiltered quality time with the people they love most.

Retiring early also provides an opportunity to escape a daily grind that many people have indicated has become increasingly burdensome in recent years. The 2021 Work and Well-Being Survey from the American Psychological Association found that 79 percent of the roughly 1,500 adults surveyed had experienced work-related stress in the month prior to participating. Work is a leading cause of stress for many people, and stress has been linked to a host of health problems. Individuals who can retire early can benefit from less stress in their lives.

Disadvantages to retiring early

Retiring early can seem like a dream, but it could turn into a nightmare for people whose finances aren't as robust as they need to be to support a lengthy retirement. One report from the Boston College Center for Retirement Research found that around 50 percent of working families face a significant decline in their standard of living during retirement. Life expectancy has been on the rise in developed countries since 1900, so retiring too early carries some significant financial risk for people who have saved but not necessarily saved enough.

Retiring early also could make people more vulnerable to cognitive decline than they would be if they keep working. One study from researchers at Scotland's University of St. Andrews found that people who wait until age 67 to retire experience less cognitive decline than people who retire prior to turning 67.

Out-of-pocket medical costs are another significant disadvantage to retiring early. Employer-sponsored medical insurance tends to cost individuals less than private plans, which is a significant consideration for individuals at a point in their lives when they may need to visit doctors more often.

Early retirement has its advantages and disadvantages. Individuals must consider both to make the best decision for them.

Seniors Need to Get Out Daily

Getting out and about is a vital component of many seniors' daily lives, but it's important that aging men and women recognize how much exercise is healthy for them. The Department of Health & Human Services notes that adults need a mix of physical activity to stay healthy. That mix should be a combination of moderate-intensity aerobic activities, which can include golfing, swimming and even gardening, and muscle strengthening activities like weightlifting that make the muscles work harder than usual. The DHHS recommends adults combine 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that these guidelines are safe for individuals who are 65 and older, generally fit and have no limiting health conditions. Individuals who do not fit that criteria should consult with their physicians before beginning a new exercise regimen, as it's possible that they could be putting their health at considerable risk if they attempt to follow guidelines designed for people who are generally fit. It's also important that healthy seniors avoid overdoing it in regard to exercise. Though the DHHS suggestions are the minimum recommendations, going too far beyond those guidelines without first consulting a physician could increase seniors' risk for injury, illness or even death.



Did You Know?

Men and women may have more free time after 50 than they had in previous decades. As children grow more independent and even leave the house, parents look to various activities, including travel, to fill their free time. Travel is often seen as a luxury, but heading off for parts unknown can produce some serious health benefits. A joint study from the Global Coalition on Aging and the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found that women who vacation at least twice a year have a lower risk for heart attack than those who travel once every six years. The study also found that men who do not take annual vacations are at a significantly higher risk of death (20 percent) and heart disease (30 percent) than those who make who take time to get away each year. Vacations don't even need to be long to produce significant, positive results. A 2018 study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that a four-day long weekend vacation positively affected well-being, recovery, strain, and perceived stress for as long as 45 days.

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Grand Opening of Depot at Oakley

Club member, Bill Koski, thought replicating the long gone Oakley Depot on our club grounds would be a great addition. We as a club, restore and preserve old time farming and industrial equipment. We perform methods and traditions from around the times of the industrial revolution. Trains brought materials, equipment and people to rural America. Depots provided a place to exchange these commodities. Our new building provides a nostalgic view of the days gone by. We were able to construct the building and put it in use for our 2022 Annual Show. Great thanks to all those who helped get it completed. It is a great addition to our show. The Depot welcomes those who come to enjoy our show.

Due to the inclement weather during our show the following dates have been updated. Sept 10, 2022 our normal monthly points pull will take place starting at 9:30 am. Sept 11, 2022 we will be doing the State championship pulls. They should be starting around noon or shortly after. No charge for watching. Come on out !

Obituaries

Celebration of Life

A celebration of Life will be held on September 18th, 2022 from 1-4pm at the VFW/Lions Hall in Ovid in loving memory of Debra Louise Vaclavik.

Bring your tears but let them dry quickly. Then share your precious memories with a twinkle in your eye.

A meal will follow.



Clifford Charles "Cliff" Clark

Clifford Charles "Cliff" Clark, age 91, of Bannister, MI, passed away Thursday, August 25, 2022, at The Meadows Assisted Living, Owosso, MI with his family by his side.

Cliff was born in St. Charles, Michigan on September 26, 1930, the son of Gordon and Lillie (Warrichait) Clark. He graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1948. Cliff proudly served his country in the U. S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. On September 20, 1951, Cliff married Carol Jean Bennett in Lansing, MI. They were blessed with 70 years of marriage and six children prior to her passing on November 15, 2021.

He grew up on the family farm. He continued farming while he worked for Buick. He and Carol spent winters in St. Cloud, Florida where he loved to play shuffle board, cards, and fish. They enjoyed many fishing and camping trips to Merrill Lake with their best friends Bud & Mona Jean. They also loved trips to the casino with his sisters: Ruth and Doris, and Carol's brother Paul and his wife Sally. Cliff loved his family and faithfully attended his grandchildren's sporting events. He was an avid Euchre player and Detroit Tigers fan to the end. As Cliff would say, "I have had a good life."

He is survived by six children: Debbie (Gary) Rivest, Brenda Thomas, Laurie Linman, Paula (Steve) Schreiner, Carrie (Jeff) Houska, and Dennis (Dawn) Clark; nineteen grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great grandchildren, one sister Ruth Honaman and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol, one brother Jim (Kathryn) Clark, two sisters: Doris (Arland) Honaman and Betty Clark; brother-in-law Gerald Honaman, and special friends Bud & Mona Jean Allen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 with Fr. Kevin Maksym presiding. Burial followed at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning, MI.

Memorials may be made to WOES or Memorial Health Care Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Karen Ann Lewis

Karen Ann Lewis, age 72, of Elsie, MI, passed away Monday, August 29, 2022, at The Maples Assisted Living of St. Johns, MI.

Karen was born in Owosso, Michigan on July 19, 1950, the daughter of Luther and Dorothy (Byrnes) Hawley. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1968, where she was crowned the first homecoming queen in the school's history. She married Michael W. "Mike" Lewis on November 23, 1968 in Laingsburg, Michigan. They were blessed with 52 years of marriage, prior to his passing on July 1, 2021.

Karen was a homemaker all of her life and her world revolved around spending time with family and friends. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart. She prayed daily and would light her prayer candle while thinking of others in their time of need. Karen had a big heart and no one was a stranger to her.

She is survived by her children: Leann Lewis of Breckenridge, MI;

Ryan and Johnnie Lewis of Elsie, MI; three grandchildren: Colby Putnam and fiancée Amber Ridgeway, Madalyn Putnam and special friend Aric Timm, and Rylee Lewis; and great-granddaughter Emery Timm. She is also survived by her siblings: Linda and Jerry Reha of Owosso, MI; Michael and Jean Hawley of Pensacola, FL; twin sister Kay and Randy Tupper of Laingsburg, MI; Kathy Bleich of Hastings, MI; and also many nieces and nephews and her special pet Daisy. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Mike.

Karen's family would like to thank her second family at The Maples Assisted Living for their excellent care and friendship.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 1:00 P.M., with Rev. Fr. Kevin Maksym presiding. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to The Maples Assisted Living, 2307 West Maple Rapids Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Editorial

Labor Day weekend is upon us and the summer has slipped through our fingers. How could this have happened? It seems like it was only yesterday when I planted the garden and now it is a jumble of weeds that seem to have swallowed up their bounty. It just takes a bit of persistence to gather in the last of the tomatoes and the peppers and the late Dutch flat cabbage are fulfilling their promise. This week I have canned peaches and stewed tomatoes and remember why I'm beguiled by their gem like colors. And yes, I again count my blessings.

One of these blessings comes with having the opportunity of meeting new and interesting people. I get to speak with many such folks every Saturday at the St Johns Farmer's Market. There are a plethora of note worthy people that come through the market and also many are weekly vendors. If you haven't taken the time to visit us maybe you should. One of our newer vendors (Alex Moon-Van Note) has the knack of pulling together everything mundane and making it into appealing pieces of art and jewelry. Alex's first memories of art do center on Grandmother who has been encouraging and learning together from the start. Ask about the purple elephants that were one of the first artistic efforts. Currently Alex is working on cord designs and has about 1,891 notions and ideas to supplement those designs. I have paraphrased some of Alex's presentations, but you will enjoy the conversation and offerings at that artsy booth.

If you haven't been down to visit us at the Market you really are missing a great number of possibilities and interesting options. If you seek the unique then you are headed in the right direction. Truly fresh baked goods scent the air. Cheerful vendors set up their booths and offer fresh vegetables of the local variety. Others display scented soaps and candles, and have their tables draped with beautiful hand made throws, afghans, wall hangings and pillows. Aprons adorn one of our booths that is also filled with a variety of homemade fruit jams. There is so much offered, Maple syrup and local honey, floral bouquets even a horse trailer turned into a coffee bar. Don't forget the farm fresh eggs and soon pies will be plentiful. There are a multitude of possibilities and the Market is finished up on the last Saturday in October which is not that far off in time.

I didn't make it up to Guard Lake last weekend, I ran out of steam. Of course, I made it to the market and it was a joy and fortunately I was able to use the four loaves of quick bread to slice and take to the baby shower. Fortunately I was only five minutes late because it had taken me an extra fifteen minutes to get that new fangled canopy back into its packing state. Just a tad bit aggravating at the time. I made it home at one, showered and washed my hair, became presentable, made a vegetable pasta salad and headed out the door after slicing and arranging the breads on a pretty plate. After all presentation is everything. I stopped at the barn entrance to hand off my offering and then parked out back.

The gathering was both generational and aligned with friends and co-workers. Many commented upon the décor that we had used to set up the party. Of course most of the fluffy poms and tissue flowers were in shades of pink and balanced with white, the balloons followed suit with an addition of gold to add a pit of pzazz. Little Miss Vanessa is to make her debut in early October. The four generations that came together extended from great grandma to big sister Isabella all from the maternal side.

Every now and again I have a problem with a pinched nerve in my lower back, it was rather rude and made itself known on Saturday afternoon. When I left the shower I probably should have gone to the emergency room, but I didn't, I hobbled out to my car with Noah's help and had a nap as soon as I got home. Four hours later I got up feeling greatly improved, watched a couple of shows then went back to bed at eleven, got up once to let Prudence out and fed the cats. Headed back to bed and slept until after eleven. Must have needed the rest, then I helped my daughter can stewed tomatoes and had BLT wraps for supper.

Life goes on, and on Monday I canned peaches and on Tuesday I visited one of Karen's friends and picked up some more milk glass relish dishes. Plus two new Hampton ceiling fans, still in their boxes for a mere pittance of forty dollars each. I was ecstatic. My living room is being filled up with renovation supplies...have I become a hoarder? The cat tower and scratching post that friends gave me are also setting in the middle of all this stuff. I have to load and deliver my love seat and chairs to the upholstery shop in Breckenridge on Tuesday. Time for another assessment. May your lives be filled with interesting people and ideas. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

Response to Editorial

Response to Editorial by Crystal Mitchell dated August 21, 2022 Volume 30 Issue 1643 Entitled "A Little Common Sense"

In her second paragraph Crystal states that she was pleasantly surprised when she received her invitation for the 55th O-E Class of 1967. I think she could have done a better job of explaining that it will be held on October 8, 2022 at the Country Spice Catering building at 5556 E. M-21 between Ovid and St. Johns from 11:30 AM to around 3:00 PM with a catered meal at 12:00. This time was picked to satisfy some members of the class that wanted to visit friends and family in the evening of that same day.

Secondly I wish that Crystal could have mentioned that 5 years ago our 50th was well attended and everyone including past teachers enjoyed the evening with good catered food and remembering activities from the past. We honored those classmates that had passed away and acknowledged many things that were accomplished from 50 years before.

Thirdly, if members of the committee had been contacted a discovery would have made that a vacant chair will be set up for the 30 plus classmates that have passed away since graduation. There are many other things that will be happening on October 8, 2022 and I hope she can come and enjoy the attendees and she could sit with Rita (Washburn) and I and we could catch up on all of the old times since the good old days.

Yours truly, John E. Craig O-E Class of 1967



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Raising Financial Responsible Children

Dear Andy,

We are trying to raise 3 young sons to have financial responsibility and trying to keep our budget balanced barring any catastrophic emergencies. I am concerned about costs as they grow older, when they start eating more and needing expensive school supplies and electronics. High school, college and insurances and unexpected expenses are scaring me. We have been reading a lot about our unstable economy with high tariffs, taxes and overall costs of everything. I am so worried that we are going to go through another recession worst than years ago when my husband and I were first married. Is there anything we can do to be better prepared? Young Mom and Dad

Dear Mom and Dad,

You may be young, but you sound mature in your concerns. Teaching your children financial responsibility goes along with giving them responsibility without allowances. Involve them in the household indoor and outdoor chores for keeping a house in order and in repair. It's their home too. Weeds need pulling, cars need washed, laundry needs done, dishes need washed, trash taken to the curb, etc.

Encourage them to make school and attendance in school a priority in their lives. Direct them towards after school activities that enhance the growth of their interests and talents. Any investment in their behavioral, academic and social expectations will better ensure them in to becoming responsible adults. Time is short but necessary for good parenting. Reminder: you are the parents; they are the kids...there is a reason they are not adults until they are 21 years old. YOU, the parents are in charge.

Support your local grocery store, salons, gas stations, hardware and entertainment, (art, school plays and musicals). I know the prices might seem to be higher than you might want but by the time you drive to a big city mall and big box stores, you'll always spend more. You can find nice gifts locally at our greenhouses and gift shops in every village in our reading area. The more you buy locally, the lower the prices will be in the future.

Our State and local parks have free activities, our villages and small towns have celebrations that keep us local. Support your local service organizations and schools by buying their fundraiser products, buy from talented crafters for gifts, and it's easy to find neighbors with home businesses offering products and services. This supports them and keeps your money local. I have shopped local and made purchases from neighbors, nearby farms, and it feels good, even if no one notices. In fact, when I am in a big box store or big chain supermarket, I am overwhelmed by the number of options and always spend a lot more money.

Affordable family activities, such as swimming, hiking, camping, playing games in the parks are available all seasons; just having family fun will build bonding and responsibilities to strengthen your family and future families. We are blessed to have lakes and rivers to fishing, boating and swimming. There is archery, disk golf, tennis, music and activities at our city parks for games, splash pads, pickle ball, safe updated playground equipment and rails to trails for walking, biking and churches with activities all the way from Owosso to Ionia. There is a place near all of us to hop on the trail in all seasons and explore at your own pace and distance.

Another note of advice, you may not think you have much but if you are both working, you need to see a financial adviser to provide options to keep you on track to meet future financial academic needs, such as college or trade schools for your sons and if one of you were to become unable to work. Be careful, get several opinions from professionals and trusted advisers. You need not to live like a pauper but there are many avenues to cut costs and have a savings. One of my chosen commitment, living in a rural area, is to support my community by shopping locally. Opening a saving account for my children and grandchildren and encourage them to save half of all money earned or gifted over the years. Save for wanted items. Use credit cards for convenience, then pay them off monthly.

I have also read of some creditable sources with predictions that our country is going into a recession within the next two years and could last a long time. I am a gardener and build up my pantry by canning, freezing and being frugal in purchases. Supporting our local community to keeps us stronger.

Do any of our readers have ideas as to how to raise responsible children or advise for young people striving for the American dream of a home, family and security? Send your suggestions to ask_andy@aol.com.

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submitted by Dianna Vsetula

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Carriage Days Parade

There's still time to get in the parade on Saturday, September 10th.
Call Jodi at (989) 307-3981 or pick up an application at The Weekly office or online at: ovidcarriagedays.com.
The parade begins at 11am.

Chili Cook-Off

If you are a chili lover you won't want to miss the Chilli Cook-Off on Saturday night, September 10th. Entrants will begin preparing their favorite recipes earlier in the day and will be available for public taste testing around 6:00 pm.
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BBQ Rib Cooks Square Off

On Saturday morning, September 10th, the 5th Annual BBQ Rib Cook-Off kicks off. Cooking will begin at 8am on Main Street, near the Ovid Lions Club hall. Teams will prepare ribs and a side dish of their choice. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in two categories: Best Judged Ribs and People's Choice Best Ribs.

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Opening Ceremonies

Members of the Ovid VFW Post 8964 will present our nations colors during opening ceremonies of the 2022 Carriage Days Festival at 6pm on Friday, September 9th. Tino Medina will sing the national anthem.

As part of the opening ceremonies, Parade Marshals Josy and Ray Medina will be introduced.

Other speakers include, Bill Lasher, City of Ovid Mayor and Eric Starn, Carriage Days President.

Kiddie Tractor Pull

The popular kiddie tractor pull will be held on Saturday, September 10th immediately following the parade. The kids will pull on the cement slab across from the DPW Building on Gratiot Street. This event is sponsored once again by Kyle and Marie Spiess of Storage Solutions.

Kids will sign up at the pulling site just prior to the event. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for kids ages 3 to 10.

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Treasure Sale

The United Church of Ovid will be holding a Treasure Sale during Carriage Days, Thursday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th from 9am-4pm. The sale will be held inside the church hall. Community donations for the sale will be accepted at the church on Tuesday, September 6th from 9am-noon. All proceeds from the Treasure Sale will go towards mission projects.

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Carriage Days Pre-Sale Tickets only \$20.
Available at The Weekly, Eatery 121, and the City of Ovid.



Midway Open All 3 Days

Family Fun Tyme will provide the Midway, games and concessions on Friday, September 9th, Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, September 11th.

Tickets are \$25 during the festival and \$20 if you purchase them ahead of time. Pre-sale tickets are available at The Weekly, Ovid Cafe and the Eatery 121 until noon on Friday, September 9th.

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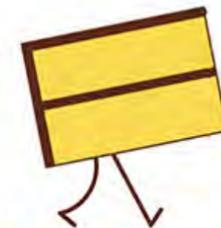
The museum will be open for tours on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10th and 11th from 2pm-4pm.



Corn-Hole Tournament

A Corn-Hole tournament will be held during Carriage Days on Saturday, September 10th beginning at 3pm on the United Church Lawn on West Front Street in front of the pavilion. There will be levels of competition depending on the number of entrants. The entry fee for the 2-person teams is \$20 and cash prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd place. Sign-up will be held in the pavilion at 2pm.

Regulation Cornhole Boards (2'x4'x 1 inch off ground) and bags only. Smaller boards for littles may be used. You may bring your own equipment. For more information, call event organizer, Zach at (989)666-8220.



CAKEWALK

Free Event for Kids

Come have some old-fashioned fun with a chance to win some yummy treats! There will be a cake walk at the Lions-VFW Hall starting at 6:30 pm on Friday. This event is free to kids. If you would like to donate a cake for Friday, please contact Holly at 989-666-2215 or allsmileshkh@aol.com.

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Laingsburg Community Singers Looking for Members

submitted by Cathy Chubb

Do you like to sing and have fun? Laingsburg Community Singers would like to invite you to join us for Fall 2022. Auditions are not required. The group is a community choir (not church) and performs a variety of music. Rehearsals for our Christmas concerts will begin on Tuesday, September 6th from 7-9pm at the Laingsburg United Methodist Church, located at 210 N Crum St under the direction of Steven Easterling. (The driveway to the parking lot is on the South side of the church. Please park in back and enter through the back door.) Concerts will take place on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Hurst at 517-651-5937 or Jessica Adams at 517-651-7573. Hope to see you there!

Devereaux Leads Laingsburg Rathka 15th at Early Burg Meet

LAINGSBURG — Noah Devereaux ran 13th in 18:05.3 and the Wolfpack finished eighth at the annual Early Burg Cross-Country Invitational here August 26.

Devereaux is a freshman for coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves. Laingsburg scored 205 points in the nine-school competition. Capital Homeschool was first with 49.

Aden Baynes of Laingsburg finished 43rd (20:01.1) while teammates Felix Ramirez (49th, 20:15.3), James Foltz (57th, 20:44.0) and Logan Robinson (71st, 21:31.5) rounded out the Wolfpack boys' scoring.

Sophomore Emily Rathka finished 15th in 22:22.1 and the Laingsburg girls cross country team finished sixth out of 10 schools.

The Wolfpack scored 138 points as a team. Holt was first with 67 and Grand Ledge was second with 68. Durand was 10th with 297.

Other Laingsburg scorers were Madison Phillips (20th, 22:43.9), Addison Rusz (21st, 22:46.9), Evelyn Logghe (24th, 22:59) and Kathryn Sagyar (77th, 27:33.1).

Wolfpack Volleyball Girls Pick Up First Win; Four Set Victory Over O-E

LAINGSBURG — It was a night of firsts on the volleyball court at LHS on August 29.

1st-year coach Kelsey Jones picked up her first career victory, as the Lady Wolfpack outlasted Ovid-Elsie.

After coach Caron Meister's Marauders grabbed a 25-21 victory in the first set, Laingsburg rallied back for 25-15, 25-18 and 25-11 victories.

Myah Uresti at libero, and Maddisyn Miller and Hailee Campbell on the front line led the Marauders.

But it was the Wolfpack's attack at the net that eventually swung the match in favor of the hosts. Bella Strieff led LHS with 10 kills and a pair of blocks, while Ellie Baynes boomed 8 kills and added a block.

Maggie Willoughby had five kills, Sophie Freeman had three and Remi Fuller had two. Freeman also got Laingsburg back on track in the crucial second set with multiple aces at the service line. She finished the match with five.

Said coach Meister, "We started off strong with great energy and kept building the momentum throughout the set. The second set we started slacking on our efforts which led to a few mistakes happening. By the third set, we were making more mistakes and really struggling with overcoming our mistakes and that continued for the rest of the night."

The non-league win left the Wolfpack 5-6-3 overall, 0-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Wolfpack girls even CMAC record with three-set win over Potterville

LAINGSBURG — Bella Strieff drilled 7 kills for the host Wolfpack, evening Laingsburg's CMAC volleyball record at 1-1 with a three-set victory over Potterville here August 31.

Coach Kelsey Jones' Wolves lost the third set 25-17, but prevailed with 25-19, 25-15 and 25-18 set wins to move to 6-6-3 overall.

At the service stripe, Ellie Baynes delivered four aces, while on defense, Brynn Wilson led the way with 16 digs and Callie Clark, 13.



#4 Hadley Bukantis hitting the ball with #12 Hailee Campbell and #5 Myah Uresti ready to send it over the net.

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Bath Prevails Over Five-Team Golf Jamboree at Laingsburg

LAINGSBURG — Pine Hills Golf Course was the setting as Bath powered to three individual top ten places and a winning team score in the first jamboree of the girls golf season.

The Bees carded 206 as a team to outdistance Lakewood 216, Olivet 216, Perry 225 and the host Wolfpack 270.

Top individual scorers were Anna Schaibly (Bath) 46, Druce Allen (Olivet) 46, Aubrie Schaibly (Bath) 47, Miah Kiss (Olivet) 48 and Ellie Benham of Lakewood with a 49.

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Sports

O-E Girls Run Fourth at Webberville, Boys Finish 8th at Happy Acres Invitational

WEBBERVILLE — Piper White led the Ovid-Elsie cross-country team again, running 14th in 21 minutes, 42.15 seconds as the Marauder girls closed to a fourth-place team finish at the nine-school Happy Acres Invitational here August 27.

The Marauders scored 110 points behind Pewamo-Westphalia (30), Sparta (64) and Leslie (71).

Alexis Spitzley finished 19th for O-E in 22:18.22. Teammates Clarissa Baese (23rd, 23:11.99), Madison Thornton (24th, 23:25.74) and Kaia Spiess (25th, 23:36.41) rounded out the team scoring.



Alexis Spitzley finished 19th for OE

— MARAUDER BOYS AT WEBBERVILLE: Marauder sophomore Clay Powell ran 16th in 18:24.24 and the Marauder boys placed eighth out of 14 teams at Saturday's Webberville Happy Acres Invitational.

Ovid-Elsie scored 231 points as a team. Sparta was first with 46, while Pewamo-Westphalia took second with 81.

James Kelly of Ovid-Elsie ran 30th in 19:18.24. Joshua Miller of the Marauders finished 40th in 20:17.86. Ryan Gavenda was 45th in 20:42.65 and Gunner McCreery ran 48th in 20:51.69.



Clay Powell ran 16th for OE Photos by Michelle Ladiski

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**FALL SPORTS PREVIEW
SEPTEMBER 11TH!
FEATURING ASHLEY,
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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 1

With a heavy heart, and a heavenly nod to Sir Tim, the popular, weekly football feature "Gridiron Gurus" returns after a two-year hiatus.

Which is, we're absolutely sure, as Tim Zwick would have it. We love you, Big Guy!

What follows are the original rules The Zwickster laid out, in his own words:

"If you failed to get in on the action of (any) week's pigskin pick 'em, there is still plenty of time to get started as we will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls).

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Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at HYPERLINK "mailto:sports@meridianweekly.com" (sports@meridianweekly.com) or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website - MeridianWeekly.com, just click the Sports link in the left navigation menu column. Enter your picks and with a few clicks you can play.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (Pizza), 2nd place (Sub) and 3rd place (Breadsticks) will be awarded.

We would like to thank our gracious sponsors, Foo-G's Pizza in Elsie, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their coupons at The Weekly."

This week's guest picker is a Spartan die-hard, going by the pen name of Duffy's Ghost. Yes, he was around for the glorious 1960s turnaround of MSU football. The Wolfman returns as a veteran of the contest ... hand-picked by Timmy Z. himself. Go ahead — howl at the moon!



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
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WEEK ONE- SEPTEMBER 11

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To: The Residents and Property Owners of the Township of Sciota, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and other interested persons:

The Township Board has estimated the cost and expenses for providing ambulance, motor vehicles, personnel, equipment, and housing, in order to provide ambulance protection and accordingly the day has been fixed for hearing on the cost estimates and on the question of reaffirming the Township-wide special assessment district, and to increase the special assessment per household to \$160 per year; and to distribute the Special Assessment Levy, so as to defray the expenses of providing such ambulance service, by special assessment on the property to be especially benefited.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing, at the Sciota Township Hall, located at 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, Michigan, to consider reaffirming the ambulance special assessment district, which encompasses all of Sciota Township and to increase the ambulance Special Assessment for four years (starting in the fall of 2022), at \$160 each year, against each residential household within Sciota Township; and to consider objections to the distribution of the Special Assessment Levy.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be no other Public Hearing on this matter for four years.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required to appeal the amount of special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal, if an appeal shall be desired. A property owner or part in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her Appearance by letter, delivered to the Clerk, by USPS mail or in person, by September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment, may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal, within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing. At said hearing the Sciota Township Board will consider any written objection to any of the foregoing matters, which might be filed with said board, at or prior to the time of said hearing, as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments and/or suggestions.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and may submit comments on any of the foregoing.

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of the Carriage Days Committee by Harold Goodrich and led the committee at that position until this year before turning over the torch to Eric Starn. He will remain on the committee going forward with the duty of finding the awesome entertainment each year for the festival. "Josy and I are honored to have been chosen as parade marshals. We both love our community and are proud to represent our town," explained Ray.

Josy, born, raised and graduated from Owosso. She and Ray married in 1974, they have three daughters, Libby, Estrella (Eric), Michelle (Dan) and a son, Ray Jr. (Stephanie). They have been blessed with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Additionally, Brian (Amy) Young and family along with many others have called Ray & Josy Mom/Dad as well as Grandpa & Grandma.

Josy started her career after high school when she and Ray co-founded Ovid Taco Villa. They eventually sold the restaurant to Ray's sister Carolyn and husband Robert. Josy stayed on as a cook for 20 years. She was appointed to Ovid Village Clerk in 1998, ran for election in 1999, became an employee at that position in 2003 and will retire from the City of Ovid in 2023. She has also been active in the community. She previously served as OE Band Booster President and currently works behind the scenes on the festival committee. She is best known for her ability to sell raffle tickets, t-shirts or anything else there may be for sale during the festival. The couple are members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid.

Ray & Josy will be featured in the Carriage Days Parade on Saturday, September 10th. They will ride in a horse-drawn carriage provided by PJ's Percheons. They invite everyone to come and enjoy all the family fun that is planned during Ovid Carriage Days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 9th, 10th and 11th.

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Family Nurse Practitioner to Laingsburg and Perry

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Erin Rice, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC to our active medical staff. Erin will be joining our providers at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine - Laingsburg and Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine - Perry.



Erin is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with over 13 years of direct patient care experience as a Registered Nurse. Erin has a strong background in family practice, pediatrics, women's health, urgent care and dermatology specialties. She received both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and her Master of Science in Nursing from Michigan State University.

She joins Memorial Healthcare from the Sparrow Health System where she provided comprehensive care to patients of all genders and ages from pediatrics to geriatric.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org

Clinton County Historical Society

submitted by Judy Hubler

Art Wainwright will be the speaker at the annual Clinton County Historical Society program at Agro Liquid, 3055 West M-21, St. Johns, MI on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM

Mr. Wainwright will be talking about some interesting experiences during his career of more than 40 years in broadcasting. He hosted and produced the "Route 10 Coast-to-Coast" TV show, spending most of his time on the road traveling the backroads of Michigan and the USA.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Wainwright. Cookies and drink will be provided.